

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on January 6, 2009  
at 3:30 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Scott Reichner (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Organizational Meeting  
Executive Action: None

**Organizational Meeting**

00:00:05 Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman, HD 53  
00:00:42 Katie Butcher, Secretary  
00:00:52 Leanne Heisel, Legislative Services Division  
00:00:57 Joe Kolman, LEG Services Division  
00:01:03 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:01:33 Sen. John Esp, SD 31  
00:02:11 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:02:25 Sen. Verdell Jackson, SD 5  
00:05:13 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:05:32 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, SD 3  
00:06:03 Sen. Ron Erickson, SD 47  
00:06:57 Sen. Jeff Essmann, SD 28  
00:07:36 Rep. Gary MacLaren, HD 89  
00:08:22 Rep. Betsy Hands, HD 99  
00:08:54 Rep. Arlene Becker, HD 52  
00:09:34 Rep. Gordon Vance, HD 67  
00:10:14 Rep. Bob Ebinger, HD 62  
00:10:52 Rep. Robyn Hamilton, HD 92  
00:11:33 Rep. Tom Berry, HD 45  
00:11:54 Rep. Pat Ingraham, HD 13  
00:12:54 Rep. Diane Sands, HD 95  
00:13:58 Rep. Robyn Driscoll, HD 51  
00:14:34 Rep. Mike Menahan, HD 82  
00:15:03 Rep. Michael More, HD 70  
00:16:24 Rep. Wanda Grinde, HD 48  
00:16:53 Rep. Wayne Stahl, HD 35  
00:17:21 Rep. Gerald Bennett, HD 1  
00:17:54 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:18:56 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
00:21:24 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties  
**EXHIBIT (loh02a01)**  
**EXHIBIT (loh02a02)**  
00:24:23 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:24:40 Rep. Michele Reinhart  
00:25:06 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association,  
Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association,  
Montana County Attorneys,  
Montana Community Mental Health Centers  
00:25:45 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:25:49 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planers,  
Missoula County,  
Montana Clerk and Records Association,  
Montana Association of Public Health Officials  
00:28:07 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:28:12 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasures Association  
00:28:53 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:28:59 Bonnie Lovelace, Department of Environmental Quality

00:30:44 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:30:50 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Association  
00:31:49 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:31:58 Glen Oppel, Montana Association of Relators  
00:33:20 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:33:26 Mr. Oppel  
00:33:34 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:33:47 Mr. Oppel  
00:33:53 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Relators,  
Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors  
00:35:40 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building and Industry Assoc.  
**EXHIBIT (loh02a03)**  
00:36:45 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:36:49 Jerry Grebenc, Montana Department of Commerce  
00:37:43 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation  
Districts  
00:38:28 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:39:15 Sen. Esp  
00:39:37 Chairwoman Arntzen

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:40:17 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([loh02aad.pdf](#))**